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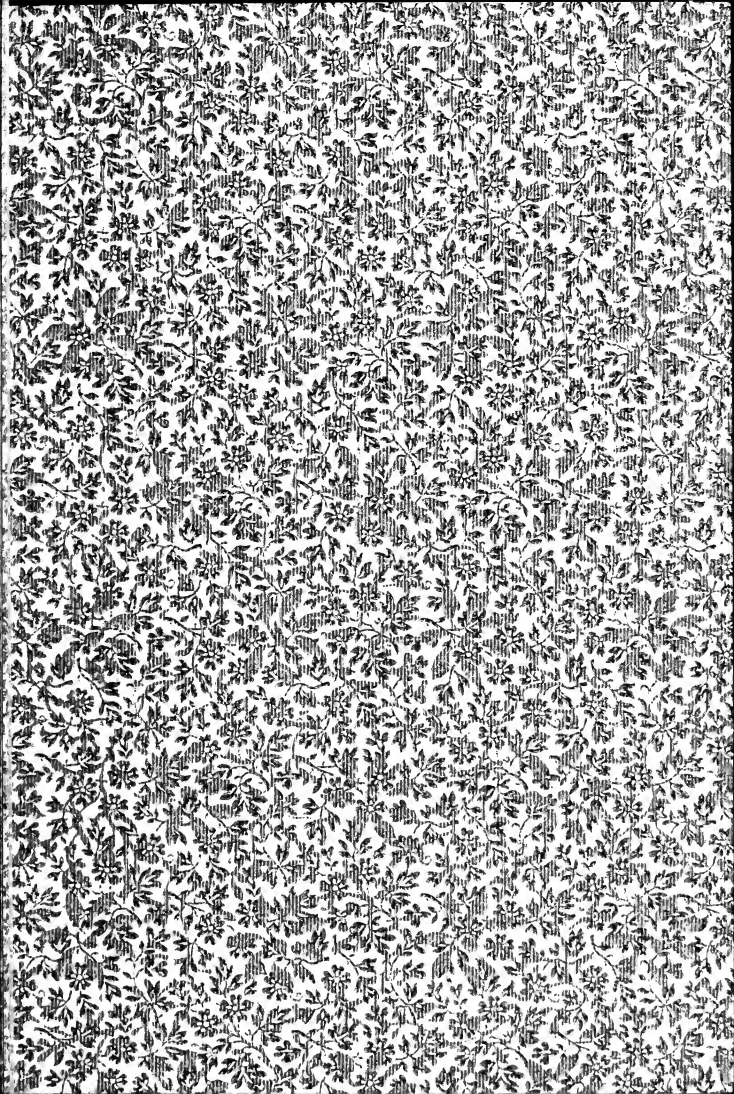
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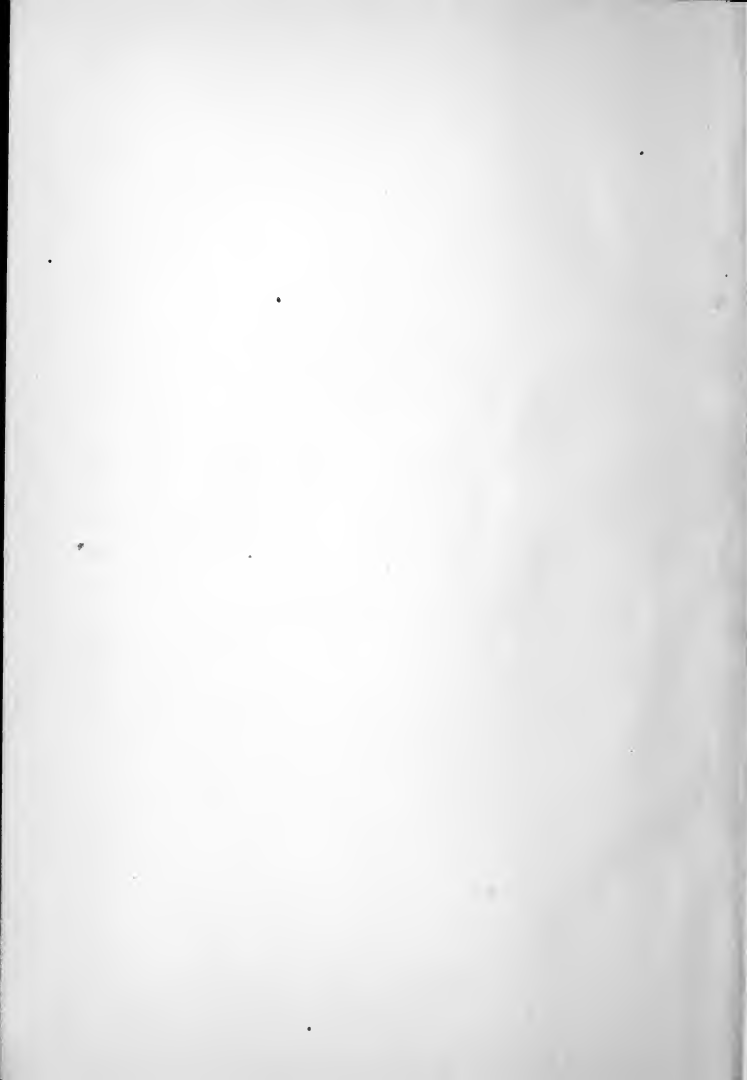
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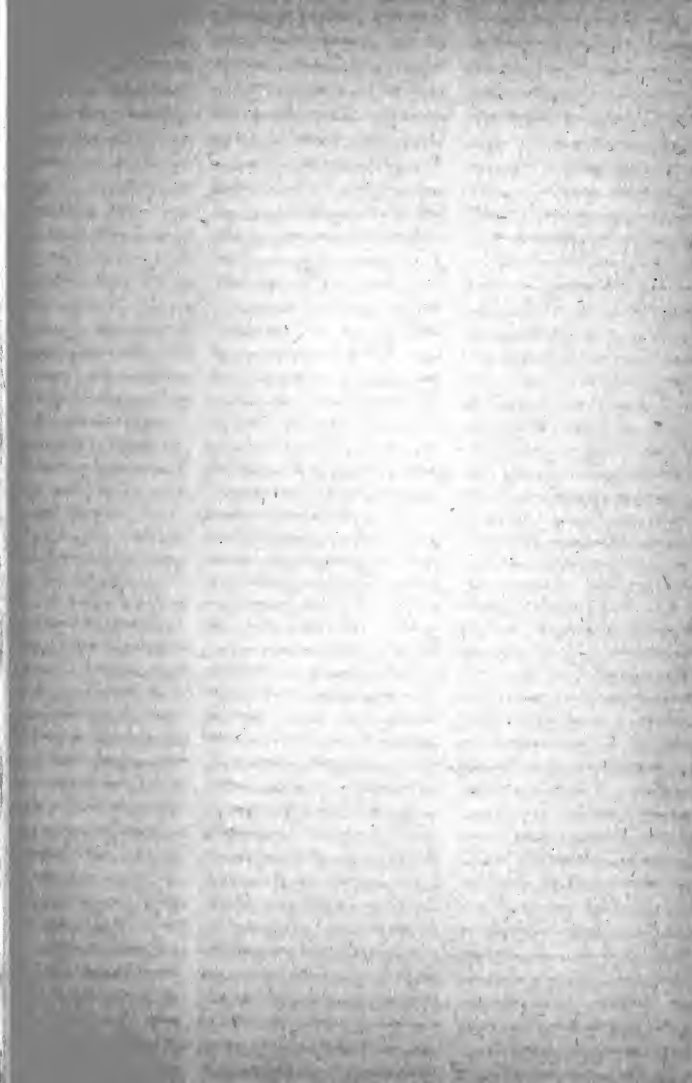
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AND FOR  
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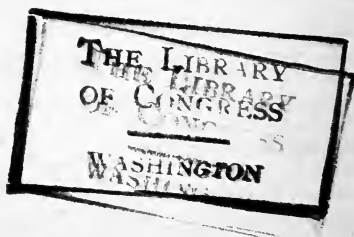
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# THE HOLY WAITING.

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## AT HOME.

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**T**HE ringing bells call me to Thy house, O Lord, on this day set apart for Thy worship.

All days are Thine, O Lord, and in all the ways of life, and in all places, I may truly adore Thee.

But on this day, and in Thy House, where Thy people assemble in Thy name to honor Thee and to hear Thy Word, there are treasures of grace and strength

and peace for all the other days and for all the other duties of life.

Therefore, O Lord, hear Thy servant, who now goes forth for this blessed season of public devotion and instruction.

I surrender myself to Thee; I leave behind me all worldly cares and studies; I go to Thy House to join with Thy people in loving and reverent devotion, and as we shall together praise Thy name, hear Thy Word, plead Thy promises, and consecrate ourselves to Thy constant service, do Thou pour out upon us, O Holy Father, Thy blessed Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PREPARATION.

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**W**E go to the House of God for thoughtful, holy, and loving worship, and not for entertainment or to gratify curiosity.

Every moment spent there should be spent in true worship.

We should listen carefully to the reading of the Holy Scriptures; join in the responses where this order is appointed; follow with eager and believing hearts the words of prayer; sing heartily "as unto the Lord," and give devout and self-appropriating heed to the sermon. From the first note of the

organ voluntary to the "Amen" of the benediction we should be alert, ardent sincere worshipers.

There are moments of waiting before the service, and sometimes while people are entering the Church, and when the appointed officers are taking the collection, which are too often made occasions of idle revery, vagrant glances, wandering thoughts, and unprofitable conversation. At such times the mind is distracted, the good effects of prayer and preaching neutralized, and the soul turned into a secular and hardened wayside, where the seeds of truth are scattered, to be picked up or to be blown away.

Now, these moments of waiting should form a season and a service of holy waiting before the Lord, and of preparation for attention and worship.

To keep idle thoughts out, we must crowd good thoughts in. To restrain frivolity, we must weigh our souls down with truth—God's truth. To prevent wandering eyes, we must fix our eyes upon words of wisdom on the printed page, and then close them in secret prayer.

That our waiting may indeed prove a holy waiting, these pages are prepared for young people especially, but for all people who wish to cultivate a reverent spirit in the House of God and to gain

the greatest good from the public worship of God.

That the services of the Church may be most profitable, we should carefully prepare at home to make the best use of the public opportunity. We should meditate and pray before going and while we are on our way. We should frequently, during the week, think of the Church and the Sabbath, and, by reading, thoughtfulness, and fervent prayer, make the day and the service the more helpful when Sabbath comes.

A FEW RULES.

1. GO early to Church. Not only be punctual, but be in your place before the hour for the service is announced to begin. Then you will not disturb other worshipers.

2. Go in a reverent spirit. On the way remember whither you go. Avoid lightness of manner and conversation on worldly topics.

3. Before you enter, and as you enter the Church, breathe a silent prayer of invocation for the influence of the Holy Spirit.

4. As you take your place, bow your head reverently in prayer for yourself

and for all others who enter the sanctuary for the service about to begin.

5. Resolve that you will foster no thought, fix your eyes on no object, utter no word that will tend to divert your mind from the holy purpose for which you have come into this place.

6. Open and read as many selections as you have opportunity to read attentively from this little volume. Especially read "The Approach" and "First Thoughts in the Sanctuary."

7. As the minister enters the pulpit, offer an earnest, silent prayer in his behalf.

8. In all the service take an active part; as hearer, as worshiper.



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9. Of course you will not use this little manual during any part of the exercises to which you *should* give attention.

10. At the close of the service, after a moment of prayerful silence, greet with cheerfulness and good-will all whom you happen to meet, remembering that Christian fellowship is a part of Christian worship.

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“Now to the Father in glory supernal,  
Now to the Son and the Spirit above,  
Now to the Triune, all holy, eternal,  
Worship be ever, in truth and in love.”

FIRST THOUGHTS IN THE SANCTUARY.

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**T**HIS is Thy House, O Lord God,  
Everlasting King, our Father who  
art in Heaven.

I come now, Thy creature and Thy  
child, to spend a brief space of time in  
thoughts about Thee, and in prayer to  
Thee.

I come, to show to the world, by my  
presence and by my conduct, that I do  
acknowledge Thee as Lord, King, and  
Father, and that I desire to serve and  
to love Thee.

I come to hear Thy Word read and ex-

plained and applied, that Thy truth may make me wise unto salvation, and that it may build me up in the most holy faith.

I come to worship Thee in praise and prayer, confessing my sins to Thee, asking Thy pardon, and seeking the grace I need, that I may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name.

I come to join with others, my fellow-Christians, my friends, and neighbors, in this holy service, that we may all be brought nearer to each other, by being brought nearer to Thee.

REDEEMER, come! I open wide  
My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me Thy inner presence feel,  
Thy grace and love in me reveal!

—CHARLES WESLEY.

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### THE APPROACH.

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FATHER in heaven, who dwellest on  
earth with all who are lowly in  
heart and who love Thy name; in the  
memory of my Lord and Master, Jesus  
Christ, I come.

Prepare my mind and heart to receive  
Thy truth, to love Thyself, to choose Thy  
way, and to do Thy will.

## The Holy Waiting.

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Bless all who now, here and elsewhere, are met for Thy worship.

Prepare Thy ministers to read Thy truth, to apply Thy law, to preach Thy gospel, and to conduct us, Thy followers, in the devotions of this sacred hour.

Be with those who are kept, by Thy providence, from their places in Thy House. May they find and rejoice in Thee everywhere and always.

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SEE, Jesus, Thy disciples see,  
The promised blessing give;  
Met in Thy name, we look to Thee,  
Expecting to receive.

## The Holy Waiving.

With us Thou art assembled here,  
But O, Thyself reveal ;  
Son of the living God, appear !  
Let us Thy presence feel.

—CHARLES WESLEY.

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I PRAY Thee, O Lord, to prepare my heart, by Thy Holy Spirit, to hear and to believe, to receive and to embrace the truth of Thy holy Word, as set forth at this time by Thy servant, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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O LORD, attune my heart, that I may be in harmony of soul with Thee, that the voice of song at this time may bear

to Thee the praises and the desires of  
my inmost heart, through Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

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FOR THE MINISTER ON HIS ENTER-  
ING THE PULPIT.

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 LORD, clothe Thy servant with  
salvation; sustain him by Thy  
mighty arm; give him great boldness  
to speak Thy word; inspire him with  
the spirit of wisdom, liberty, and power,  
that he may duly represent Thee; bind-  
ing what Thou dost bind, loosing what  
Thou dost loose; speaking Thy word of  
truth to us, and being himself so filled

with Thy Holy Spirit, that his words to us this day may be spirit and life. O Lord, save Thy servant, and endow him with power divine, and prepare us to receive his message, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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## ACTS OF CONSECRATION.

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 GOD, my Father, O Christ, my Savior, O Holy Spirit, my life and Comforter—One only God:

To Thee I come with thanksgiving, with confession, with supplication, according to Thy command.



With thanksgiving I come, because of all Thy goodness and long-suffering towards me.

With confession I come, because of all my sins against Thee.

With supplication I come, because of all my needs, and because I am encouraged by the exceeding great and precious promises of Thy Word.

To Thee I give myself—my body, my intellect, my conscience, my affections, my will, my powers of action and service, my time, my property, my opportunities—all that I am, all that I can be.

To Thee I give myself that I may be filled with the fullness of Thy

grace, and fitted to be a temple for the constant indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit.

To Thee I give myself, that I may give myself and my service to my fellow-men, and thus be, through Thy grace, a blessing to them.

To Thee I give my *past*, with all the sins that shadow and burden it.

To Thee I give my *present*, with all the infirmities and tendencies that limit it.

To Thee I give my *future*, with all the uncertainties and possibilities that hide themselves within it.

Receive me, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## The Holy Waiving.

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"I take God the Father to be my God.  
I take God the Son to be my Savior.  
I take God the Holy Ghost to be  
my Sanctifier.

I take the Word of God to be my rule.  
I take the people of God to be my  
people:

I likewise dedicate my whole self to  
the Lord.

And I do this deliberately, sincerely,  
freely, and forever."

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O HAPPY day that fixed my choice  
On Thee, my Savior and my God!  
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,  
And tell its raptures all abroad.

O happy bond, that seals my vows  
To Him who merits all my love !  
Let cheerful anthems fill His House,  
While to that sacred shrine I move.

'T is done, the great transaction 's done ;  
I am my Lord's, and He is mine ;  
He drew me and I followed on,  
Charmed to confess the Voice divine.

Now rest, my long-divided heart ;  
Fixed on this blissful center, rest ;  
Nor ever from thy Lord depart,  
With Him of every good possessed.

High Heaven, that heard the solemn vow,  
That vow renewed shall daily hear,  
Till in life's latest hour I bow,  
And bless in death a bond so dear.

O LORD, Thy heavenly grace impart,  
And fix my frail, inconstant heart ;  
Henceforth my chief desire shall be  
To dedicate myself to Thee.

Whate'er pursuits my time employ,  
One thought shall fill my soul with joy :  
That silent, secret thought shall be,  
That all my hopes are fixed on Thee.

Thy glorious eye pervadeth space ;  
Thy presence, Lord, fills every place ;  
And wheresoe'er my lot may be,  
Still shall my spirit cleave to Thee.

Renouncing every worldly thing,  
And safe beneath Thyspreading wing,  
My sweetest thought henceforth shall be,  
That all I want I find in Thee.


THOUGH all the world my choice deride,  
Yet Jesus shall my portion be ;  
For I am pleased with none beside ;  
The fairest of the fair is He.

Sweet is the vision of Thy face,  
And kindness o'er Thy lips is shed ;  
Lovely art Thou, and full of grace,  
And glory beams around Thy head.

Thy sufferings I embrace with Thee,  
Thy poverty and shameful cross ;  
The pleasures of the world I flee,  
And deem its treasurers only dross.

Be daily dearer to my heart,  
And ever let me feel Thee near ;  
Then willingly with all I'd part,  
Nor count it worthy of a tear.

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

 LORD, Head of the Church Universal, bless those who this day come into its holy fellowship; that they may be Thy true disciples; that they may love Thee fully and fervently; that they may love all who name Thy name; that they may have charity for all men everywhere.

Make them faithful, humble, spiritually minded, active, and vigilant, that the Church may be the stronger because they have come into it.

Increase the faith and love of all Thy people, and may Thy holy Church

throughout the world grow in holiness  
and power, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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HAPPY the souls to Jesus joined,  
And saved by grace alone ;  
Walking in all His ways, they find  
Their heaven on earth begun.

The Church triumphant in Thy love,  
Their mighty joys we know :  
They sing the Lamb in hymns above,  
And we in hymns below.

Thee in Thy glorious realm they praise,  
And bow before Thy throne ;  
We in the kingdom of Thy grace :  
The kingdoms are but one.



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The holy to the holiest leads,  
And thence our spirits rise;  
For he that in Thy statutes treads  
Shall meet Thee in the skies.

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O SHEPHERD of the nameless fold  
The blessed Church to be,  
Our hearts with love and longing turn  
To find their rest in Thee!  
"Thy kingdom come," its heavenly walls  
Unseen around us rise,  
And deep in loving human hearts  
Its broad foundation lies.  
From out our low, unloving state,  
Our centuries of strife,  
Thy hand, O Shepherd of the flock,  
Is lifting us to life ;

From all our old divided ways  
And fruitless fields we turn  
To Thy dear feet, the simple law  
Of Christian love to learn.

O holy kingdom—happy fold !  
O blessed Church to be !  
Our hearts in love and worship turn  
To find themselves in Thee ;  
Thy bounds are known to God alone,  
For they are set above ;  
The length, the breadth, the height are one,  
And measured by His love.

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JESUS, Lord, we look to Thee ;  
Let us in Thy name agree ;  
Show Thyself the Prince of peace ;  
Bid our jars forever cease.

The Holy Waiting.

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By Thy reconciling love,  
Every stumbling-block remove;  
Each to each unite, endear,  
Come, and spread Thy banner here.

Make us of one heart and mind,  
Courteous, pitiful, and kind,  
Lowly, meek, in thought and word,  
Altogether like our Lord.

AT THE END OF THE SERVICE.

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**F**ORGIVE, O Lord, all wandering thoughts and all careless moods.

Apply to my inmost heart the truth which has fallen upon my ears and touched my mind, that it may be to me a savor of life unto life.

Go with me to my home, and help me to live during the coming week as one should live who has been permitted to enjoy this holy service in this Thy holy House, on this Thy holy day.

And all I ask in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Holy Waiting.

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ALMIGHTY God, Thy word is cast  
Like seed upon the ground;  
O let the dew of heaven descend,  
And shed its influence round !

Let not the foe of Christ and man  
This holy seed remove ;  
May it take root in every heart,  
And grow in faith and love !

Let not this life's deceitful cares,  
Nor worldly wealth and joy,  
Nor scorching beam, nor stormy blast,  
The rising plant destroy.

Where 'er the word of life is sown,  
A large increase bestow ;  
That all who hear Thy message, Lord,  
Its saving power may know.

HOLY DOCTRINES.

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[The Substance of Christian Doctrine.]

**I**N the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . . God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him. . . . All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. . . . The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness. . . . God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. . . .

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. . . . What are these which are arrayed in white robes, and whence come they? . . . These are they which have come up out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple, and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

O FOR a thousand tongues, to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise ;  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease :  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
Tis life, and health, and peace.



## THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

HE dies! the Friend of sinners dies!  
Lo! Salem's daughters weep around;  
A solemn darkness veils the skies,  
A sudden trembling shakes the ground.

Here 's love and grief beyond degree:  
The Lord of glory dies for man!  
But lo! what sudden joy we see,  
Jesus, the dead, revives again!

The rising God forsakes the tomb;  
In vain the tomb forbids His rise;  
Cherubic legions guard Him home,  
And shout Him welcome to the skies.

THE TEN DOCTRINES OF GRACE.

1. I BELIEVE that all men are sinners.

2. I believe that God the Father loves all men and hates all sin.

3. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all men to make possible their salvation from sin, and to make sure the salvation of all who believe in Him.

4. I believe that the Holy Spirit is given to all men to enlighten and to incline them to repent of their sins, and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. I believe that all who repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ receive the forgiveness of sin.  
[This is justification.]

6. I believe that all who receive the forgiveness of sin are at the same time made new creatures in Jesus Christ. [This is regeneration.]

7. I believe that all who are made new creatures in Christ Jesus are accepted as the children of God. [This is adoption.]

8. I believe that all who are accepted as the children of God may receive the inward assurance of the Holy Spirit to that fact. [This is the witness of the Spirit.]

9. I believe that all who truly desire and seek it may love God with all their heart and soul, mind and strength, and their neighbor as themselves. [This is entire sanctification.]

10. I believe that all who persevere to the end, and only these, shall be saved in heaven forever. [This is the true final perseverance.]

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## A SCRIPTURAL CREED.

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### 1. GOD.

I believe that there is "one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all." Eph. 4: 6.

### 2. JESUS CHRIST.

I believe that Jesus Christ is "the Son of God," and that He "came into the world to save sinners." Matt. 14: 33; 1 Tim. 1: 15.

## 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I believe that the Holy Ghost is "the Spirit of truth," who "convicteth the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment," and "abideth with His disciples." John 14: 26; 16: 8; 14: 17.

## 4. THE BIBLE.

I believe that the Bible "is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 11 Tim. 3: 15.

## 5. MAN.

I believe that "God created man in His own image;" but "that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Gen. 1: 27; Rom. 3: 23.

6. JUSTIFICATION.

I believe that God "commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent;" and that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

7. FAITH AND WORKS.

I believe that "by grace we are saved through faith;" but that "faith apart from works is dead." Eph. 2: 8; James 2: 26.

8. THE CHURCH.

I believe in "the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the Truth." 1 Tim. 3: 15.

## 9. JUDGMENT.

I believe that "we must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Cor. 5: 10.

## 10. TRIUMPH OF CHRIST.

I believe that the earth "shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea;" "and that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Is. 11: 9; Phil. 2: 11.



BAPTISM.

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**I**N this Sacrament I see the symbol of the opening heaven, the descending dove, the Father's voice of recognition: "This is My child."

In this Sacrament I see the beginning of the new life and of the new career, the preparation for new temptations, the pledge of divine grace to sustain.

In this Sacrament I see the open door of the visible Church, the badge of membership in it, the pledge of loyalty to Christ.

O Holy Father, blessed Savior, precious Spirit, one only God, in whose name Thy people are baptized in the sight of the world that they may live always as in the sight of Heaven; take possession of my poor heart; cleanse me from all sin; strengthen me for all sorrow and temptation, and help me to honor Thy name, minister to the well-being of humanity, build up Thy Church on the earth, and in the end see the heavens opened to receive me, through the abounding grace revealed in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

COME, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Honor the means ordained by Thee ;  
Make good our apostolic boast,  
And own Thy glorious ministry.

We now Thy promised blessing claim ;  
Sent to disciple all mankind,  
Sent to baptize into Thy name,  
We now Thy promised presence find.

Father, in these reveal Thy Son ;  
In these, for whom we seek Thy face,  
The hidden mystery make known,  
The inward, pure, baptizing grace.

Jesus, with us Thou always art ;  
Effectual make the sacred sign ;  
The gift unspeakable impart,  
And bless the ordinance divine.

Eternal Spirit, from on high,  
Baptizer of our spirits Thou,  
The sacramental seal apply,  
And witness with the water now.

CHARLES WESLEY.

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### THE COVENANT.

I RENOUNCE the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that I will not follow nor be led by them.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Having been baptized in this faith, I will obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life, God being my helper.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

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**T**HIS Holy Feast was appointed by the Lord Jesus Christ as a perpetual memorial of Himself.

It is a Feast of Remembrance, of Hope, of Consecration, and of Grace.

There are no mere Ritualistic Mysteries connected with it.

Our Lord instituted this blessed Feast with the holy purpose of perpetuating through all the ages, in visible form by His Church, the fact of His death, and of His death for us as a Redeemer from the guilt and power of sin.

Our Lord instituted it that His followers might look forward to their reunion with Him in the Eternal Heavens.

Our Lord instituted it that it might afford an opportunity for the renewed consecration to His service of those who hear His name, that thus they may declare to the world their love and loyalty to Him, the true brotherhood of believers on the earth.

Our Lord instituted it that through its humble and believing observance the gracious influence of His Spirit may be shed upon the true believer.

Blessed, holy Feast! May I partake of it this day with true repentance and true faith!

## THE CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men ; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is



past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### THE SELF-EXAMINATION.

Do I truly and earnestly repent of my sins?

Am I in love and charity with my neighbors?

Do I intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways?

Help me then, O Lord, to draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament

to my comfort, and make my humble confession to Thee, Almighty God!

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### THE PRAYER.

I MOST humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, to hear me; and of Thy almighty goodness vouchsafe to bless and sanctify with Thy Word and Holy Spirit these Thy creatures of bread and wine according to Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, and to grant that I may be a partaker of His most blessed body and blood.

LO, the feast is spread to-day!  
Jesus summons, come away!  
From the vanity of life,  
From the sounds of mirth or strife,  
To the feast by Jesus given,  
Come and taste the Bread of Heaven.

Why, with proud excuse and vain,  
Spurn His mercy once again?  
From amidst life's social ties,  
From the farm and merchandise,  
Come, for all is now prepared;  
Freely given, be freely shared.

Blessed are the lips that taste  
Our Redeemer's marriage feast;  
Blessed who on Him shall feed,  
Bread of life and drink indeed;  
Blessed, for their thirst is o'er,  
They shall never hunger more.

Make, then, once again your choice :  
Hear to-day His calling voice ;  
Servants, do your Master's will ;  
Bidden guests, His table fill ;  
Come before His wrath shall swear  
Ye shall never enter there !

ALFORD.

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JESUS, to Thy table led,  
Now let every heart be fed  
With the true and living Bread.

While in penitence we kneel,  
Thy sweet presence let us feel ;  
All Thy wondrous love reveal.

When we taste the mystic wine,  
Of Thine outpoured blood the sign,  
Fill our hearts with love divine.

Lead us by Thy piercé hand,  
Till around Thy throne we stand  
In the bright and better land.

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TILL He come we take the bread,  
Type of Him on whom we feed,  
Him who liveth and was dead.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!

Till He come we take the cup;  
As we at His table sup,  
Eye and heart are lifted up.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!

For that coming here foreshown,  
For that day to man unknown,  
For the glory and the throne,

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!

THE incarnate Word, in broken bread,  
His body broken there did show ;  
And in the wine His blood, once shed  
From guilt to cleanse, to save from woe ;  
Where falters sense, faith trusts His Word,  
And souls sincere receive the Lord.

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JESUS, this feast receiving,  
Thy Word of truth believing,  
We Thee unseen adore ;  
Grant, when the veil is rended,  
That we to heaven ascended,  
May see Thee evermore !

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IN memory of the Savior's love,  
We keep the sacred feast,  
Where every humble, contrite heart  
Is made a welcome guest.

By faith we take the bread of life,  
With which our souls are fed ;  
The cup is taken of His blood  
That was for sinners shed.

Under His banner thus we sing  
The wonders of His love,  
And thus anticipate by faith  
The heavenly feast above.

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IN HOLY REMEMBRANCE.

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THE BLESSED TRINITY.

Father, . Son, . Holy Spirit, = ONE GOD.

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THE TWO COMMANDMENTS.

1. Love God. 2. Love man.

THE ONE NAME—JESUS CHRIST.

In none other is there salvation.

Acts 4: 12.

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CONFESSION.

1. Confess your sins
2. One to another.
3. Pray one for another.

James 5: 16.

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THE WORKS OF THE FLESH.

Gal. 5: 19-21.

Fornication.	Uncleanness.	Lasciviousness.
Idolatry.	Sorcery.	Enmities.
Strife.	Jealousies.	Wrath.
Factions.	Divisions.	Heresies.
Envyings.	Drunkenness.	Revelings.



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

Gal. 5: 22, 23.

Love.	Joy.	Peace.
Long-suffering.	Kindness.	Goodness.
Faithfulness.	Meekness.	Temperance.

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THE TRUE RELIGION.

The Religion Pure and Undeiled  
Before our God and Father:

1. Bridles the tongue;
2. Visits the fatherless and widows in  
their affliction;
3. Keeps one's self unspotted from  
the world.

James 1: 26, 27.

## The Holy Waiting.

### THE HOLY DAYS.

Three hundred and sixty-five days  
each year.

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### THE DAY OF DAYS.

The Holy Sabbath.

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### THE TWO SACRAMENTS.

1. Baptism. 2. The Lord's Supper.

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### A PRECIOUS TRIO.

1. Faith. 2. Hope. 3. Love.

1 Cor. 13: 13.

THE EIGHT GRACIOUS LINKS.

2 Peter 1: 5-7.

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|------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Faith.              | 2. Virtue.   | 3. Knowledge. |
| 4. Temperance.         | 5. Patience. | 6. Godliness. |
| 7. Brotherly Kindness. | 8. Charity.  |               |
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THE SEVEN BLESSED THINGS OF GOD'S  
WORD.

1. All Scripture given by inspiration of God. 2. Profitable for Doctrine; 3. For Reproof; 4. For Correction; 5. For Instruction in Righteousness. 6. That the man of God may be perfect. 7. Thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

## THE EIGHT BLESSED ONES.

Matt. 5: 3-10.

1. The Poor in Spirit.
2. They that Mourn.
3. The Meek.
4. They that Hunger and Thirst after  
Righteousness.
5. The Merciful.
6. The Pure in Heart.
7. The Peacemakers.
8. They that have been persecuted  
for Righteousness' sake.

THE EIGHT BLESSINGS.

Matt. 5: 3-10.

1. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. They shall be comforted.
3. They shall inherit the earth.
4. They shall be filled.
5. They shall obtain mercy.
6. They shall see God.
7. They shall be called Sons of God.
8. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THOUGHTS THAT QUICKEN.

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"BETTER BE than seem."

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"IT is a terrible thought that a man might be left to the agony of his own reminiscence forever."

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"SIN deceived me,  
And now terrifies me."

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"THE thought that leads to no action is not thought; it is dreaming."

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"I WOULD much rather believe in God and be mistaken, than not believe in Him and be mistaken."

“To be our own is to be full of anxiety ;  
To be His is to cast all our care upon Him.”

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“BETWEEN two solemn silences  
Our brief lives go ;  
The silent stars above us,  
The silent graves below.”

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“I ’VE found a branch of healing  
Near every bitter spring,  
A whispered promise stealing  
O’er every broken string.”

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“THOSE who work for Christ must  
dwell in Christ.”

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“CHRIST took our flesh that He might  
give us His Spirit.”

CHRIST: My life from His life;  
His life for my life;  
His life in my life;  
My life for others' life;  
This life for another life.

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"A PENITENT sinner who rests in Christ is no longer a sinner in God's sight."

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"FREQUENT prayer, as it is an exercise of holy thoughts, is a most natural remedy against the power of sin."

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"THEY whose hearts desire nothing, pray for nothing."



"HE who has learned to pray as he ought, has the secret of a holy life."

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"BUT if for any wish thou darest not pray,  
Then pray to God to cast that wish away."

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"THE life of the future—heaven on earth as well as heaven above—is not a stand-still life; no one can stand still who lives with God. If God is the Fountain of your life, there will be no green mantle on the surface telling how long you have been in one place. Neither in earth nor in heaven do we stand still or stay where we are. *Take up the anchor, and the ship follows the tide, and in God the tide always sets one*

*way. You can not stand still without anchoring to the creature. There must be fresh discoveries of truth and duty every day, and fresh inquisition made into the heights and depths of Redeeming Love. Abandonment to God must mean advancement in God."*

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"To do more we must be more; get a new master, be a new man; get a new experience, and I shall be a new Christian."

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"LIFE passes ;  
Riches fly away ;  
Popularity is fickle ;  
The senses decay ;  
The world changes ;

Friends die.

One alone is true to us ;

One alone can be true ;

One alone can be all things to us ;

One alone can supply our need."

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"GLORY not in the temporal advantages you  
may enjoy,

Nor put your trust in friends and families ;

For all things are uncertain and full of peril ;

But he that puts his trust in God,

And calls upon Him in the time of need,

Shall not be forsaken in his worst tribulation."

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"WOULD you triumph over your most  
dangerous enemies? Fly, speak little,

be not angry, pray, fast, study, work, be diligent."

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"AS fire burns fagots, so the fire of charity  
consumes the fuel of vice.

It purifies the heart by contrition,  
Washes it by confession,  
Cleanses it by prayer,  
Enlightens it by holy reading,  
Inflames it by devout meditation,  
Fosters it by holy retirement,  
And unites it to God by the fervor of its  
love."

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"AVOID everything that may hurt your  
soul; be not an object of scandal to any  
one, and watch well that ye let not drop  
one unbecoming word."

"ALL those I love must die, and will come no more again. I also shall go at the call of God. They are as passing guests on earth—I too am a pilgrim. They must leave all—as I must forsake all. As a shadow they pass away—I too, like them, shall pass."

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"ALL joy that comes not from God passes quickly away, and leaves the soul stained and wounded."

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"WHEN you hear the Holy Scripture read, remember it is God who speaks to you."

"PUBLISH not scandal, for it is well to be  
silent ;

Proclaim the truth, for it is salutary ;

Be modest, for it is reasonable ;

Hurt no one, for it is just ;

Be useful to all, for such is piety ;

And edify thy neighbor by word and deed,  
For such is religion."

WORDS OF PRAYER.

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“O GOOD Shepherd

I am that sheep that was lost.”

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“GRANT, O God, that I may never knowingly live one moment under Thy displeasure or in any known sin.”

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SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

Cause me to hear Thy loving kindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

“DRAW me, Lord,  
From my sins to repentance ;  
From darkness to faith ;  
From the flesh to the spirit ;  
From coldness to ardent devotion ;  
From weak beginnings to a perfect end ;  
From smooth and plain ways, if it be Thy  
will, to higher and holier paths ;  
From fear to love ;  
From earth to heaven ;  
From myself to Thee.”

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“LORD, support me

All day long

Of this troublous life,

Until the shadows lengthen,

And the evening comes,



The Holy Wailing.

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And the busy world is hushed,  
And the fever of life is over,  
And my work is done.  
Then, in Thy mercy,  
Grant me a safe lodging  
And a holy rest,  
And peace at the last.

Amen,  
Lord Jesus,  
Amen."

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O LOVE, thou bottomless abyss,  
My sins are swallowed up in Thee!  
Covered is my unrighteousness,  
Nor spot of guilt remains on me,  
While Jesus' blood, through earth and skies,  
Mercy, free, boundless mercy, cries.

By faith I plunge me in this sea ;

Here is my hope, my joy, my rest ;

Hither, when hell assails, I flee ;

I look into my Savior's breast :

Away, sad doubt and anxious fear !

Mercy is all that 's written there.

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“ O GOD, who hast made us for Thyself, incline our hearts unto Thy testimonies, and turn away our eyes from beholding vanity; and that we may be freed from too great love of earthly things, knit our affections to things heavenly; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*”

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O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly, grant us, in all

our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O FATHER of lights, who art ever pitiful to the manifold wanderings of the children of men, and who hast given us Thy holy Word to be a lantern to our feet amid the darkness of this world; have compassion upon all who, by denying the Gospel of Thy dear Son, have been led far off from peace, and become estranged from prayer; open their

hearts to the truth, help them to cast down every proud thought, and make them to become as little children, that they may be wise; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

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HAVE mercy, Heavenly Father, on all who are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin; vouchsafe them grace to come to themselves, the will and the power to return to Thee, and the loving welcome of Thy forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though

we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honor of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast bidden us seek that we may find, and who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind; that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose Word lighteneth the eyes of the blind; Vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the light of Thy truth; that fashioning our lives with all meekness to the obedience of heavenly wisdom, we may by humility in things temporal attain to the glory of the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O GOD, with whom is the well of life, and who hast promised to be to Thy people an everlasting light; Increase in us, we beseech Thee, the brightness of divine knowledge, impart to our thirsting souls the water of life, and restore to our darkened minds the light from

heaven; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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THE PRAYER OF THOMAS  
À KEMPIS.

ABOVE all things and in all things, O my soul, thou shalt rest in the Lord alway, for He himself is the everlasting rest of the saints.

Grant us, O God, to rest in Thee above all creatures :

Above all health and beauty,

Above all glory and honor,

Above all power and dignity,

Above all knowledge and subtilty,

Above all riches and arts,

Above all joy and gladness,  
Above all fame and praise,  
Above all sweetness and comfort,  
Above all hope and promise,  
Above all desert and desire,  
Above all gifts and benefits that Thou  
canst give and impart to us,

Above all mirth and joy that the mind  
of man can receive and feel,

Finally, above angels and archangels  
and above all the heavenly host,

Above all things visible and invisible,  
And above all that Thou art not, O our  
God.

Because Thou, O Lord, our God, art  
supremely good above all;

Thou alone art most high,



Thou alone most powerful,  
Thou alone most full and sufficient,  
Thou alone most sweet and most full  
of consolation,

Thou alone art most lovely and loving,  
Thou alone most noble and glorious  
above all things,

In whom all good things together  
both perfectly are, and ever have been,  
and shall be.

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FROM THE CHAUTAUQUA  
LITURGY.

OUR Father and the Father of the  
spirits of all flesh,

Who setteth the solitary in families,

Cause Thy blessing to rest upon the homes we love;

Upon our rightful property, that it may be sacred from harm and duly surrendered to Thee;

Upon those who are dearest to us, that their lives may be precious in Thy sight;

Upon those who are weary through much serving, that they may find rest in Thee;

Upon those who are afflicted, that they may be comforted by Thee;

Upon those who are absent from us, that neither they nor ourselves may ever be absent from Thee;

Upon those who are wandering in sin

and unbelief, that they may be brought back again to Thee ;

Upon those who are appointed soon to die, that they may have a peaceful passage out of this world and dwell forever with Thee.

We lift our hearts unto Thee, O KING of kings and LORD of lords !

We ask that Thou wouldst bless, with Thy wisdom and love, all classes and conditions of men everywhere :

All who rule in places of power ;

All who serve in places of trust ;

All mothers and fathers ; all ministers and missionaries ;

All leaders in true moral and social reform ;

All who travel by land or sea ;

All who suffer, and all who wait.

We ask that Thou wouldst in the fullness of Thy love,

Through the ministry of Thy Holy Spirit,

Through the tenderness of our hearts,  
and through the strength of our hands,

Sustain the suffering, and comfort the bereaved ;

Awaken the careless, and restore the erring ;

Give pardon to the penitent ;

Establish the wavering, and strengthen the weak ;

And confirm all souls that trust in Thee.

And this we ask in the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

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THE TE DEUM.

WE praise Thee, O God! we acknowl-  
edge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the  
Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud; the  
heavens, and all the powers therein.

To Thee, cherubim and seraphim  
continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of Sabaoth!

Heaven and earth are full of the  
majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles  
praise Thee ;

The goodly fellowship of the prophets  
praise Thee ;

The noble army of martyrs praise  
Thee ;

The holy Church throughout all the  
world doth acknowledge Thee,

The Father of an infinite Majesty ;

Thine adorable, true, and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ !

Thou art the everlasting Son of the  
Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to de-  
liver man, Thou didst humble thyself  
to be born of a virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord! save Thy people, and bless Thy heritage ;

Govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify Thee ;

And we worship Thy name ever, world  
without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord! to keep us this  
day without sin.

O Lord! have mercy upon us.

O Lord! let Thy mercy be upon us, as  
our trust is in Thee.

O Lord! in Thee have I trusted; let  
me never be confounded.

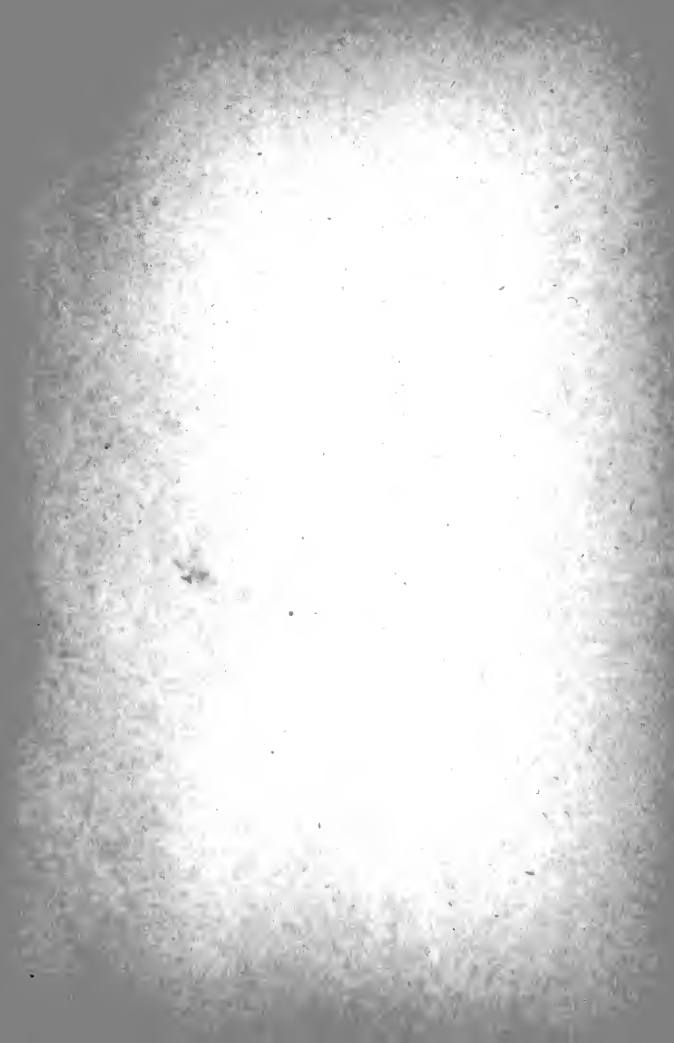






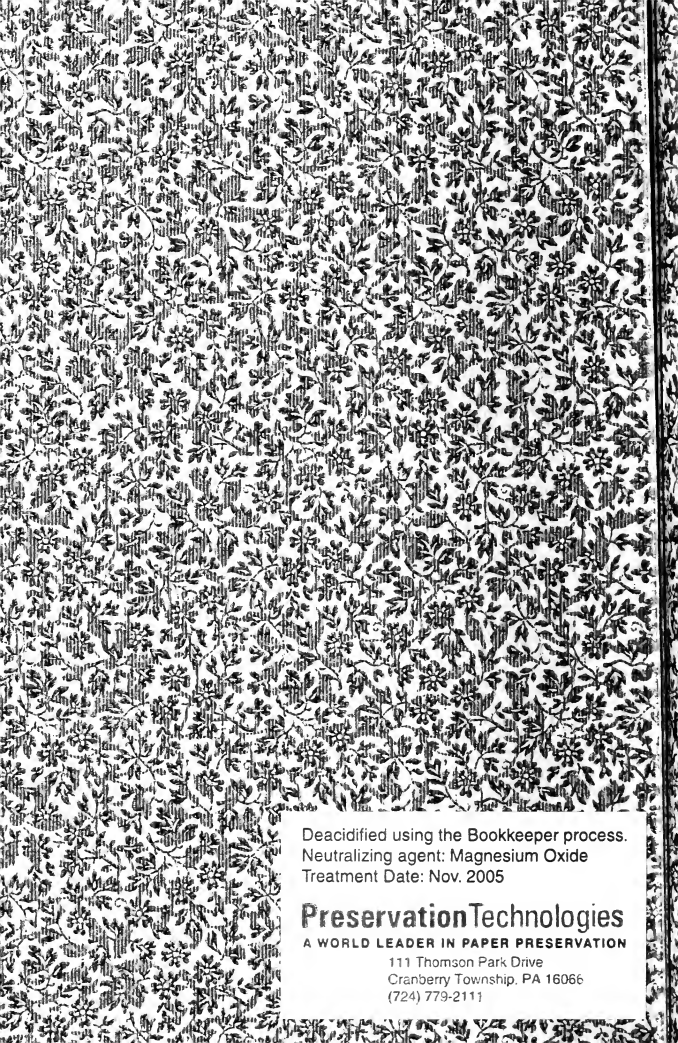








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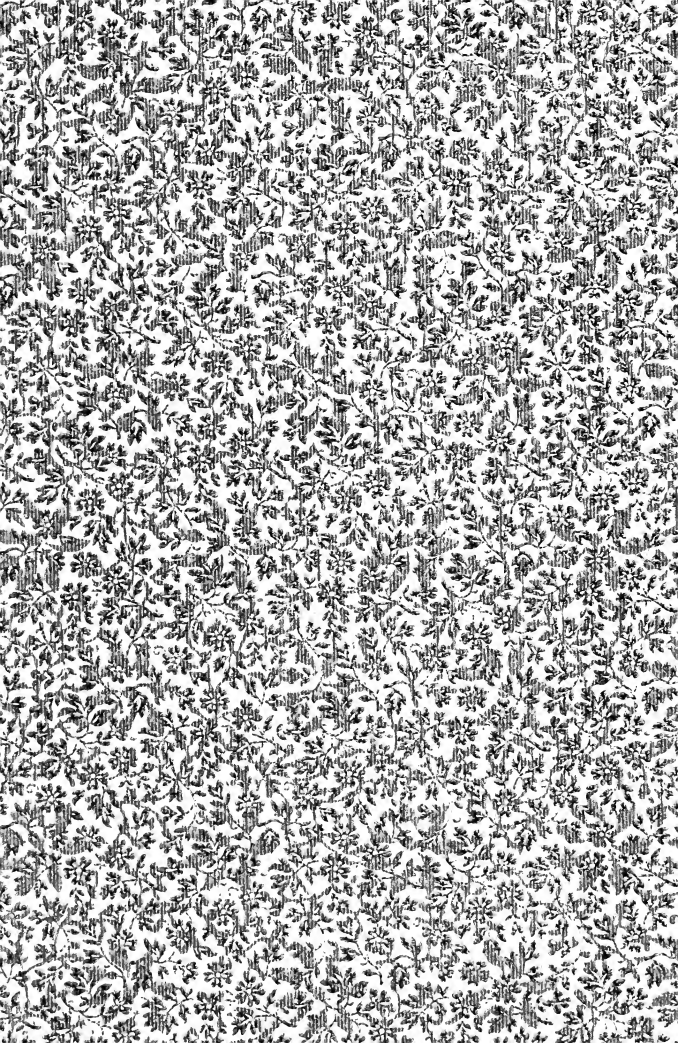
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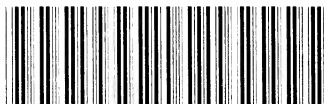
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